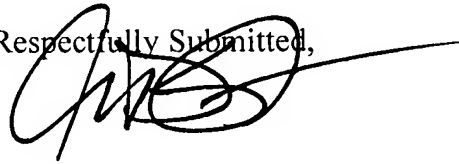


## REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the specification and claims for various clerical reasons. The Examiner also has rejected claim 1 as being indefinite under 35 USC 112(2), purportedly for reciting "fore-aft" rather than "fore-and-aft." Although Applicants respectfully submit that "fore-aft" is clear and definite as understood by one of skill in the art, Applicants have amended the claims and specification as suggested by the Examiner in order to expedite the prosecution of this application. None of these amendments narrows the scope of the respective claims.

Applicants note that they have submitted herewith a request for correction of inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48(a), along with various associated papers. Any questions about this Amendment or the accompanying request should be directed to the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4713. Should any fees be deemed appropriate in connection with this amendment or Request, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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